ZIGZAG SEWING

The creative possibilities with zigzag sewing are endless. Zigzag sewing is a real pleasure because it is a challenge to one's creative instincts. Intricate designs are no longer complicated with your zigzag sewing machine. Study your operating instructions carefully and you will be amazed at the enormous scope of zigzag sewing and how easily it is mastered.

Make it a habit to test types of stitches before starting to sew on a finished item. Once you have obtained the effect you desire, you can sew relaxed, confident that you will be pleased with the results.

ADJUSTING THE LEVERS FOR ZIGZAG SEWING

See Fig. 17.

The zigzag stitch width regulator lever, (B) Fig. 17, is used for adjusting the zigzag stitch to any desired width. When the lever is set at No. 0 the needle will not move sideways at all, and the machine will sew the normal straight stitch. The farther the lever is moved to the left, the wider the zigzag stitch. When the lever is set at No. 5, the machine will sew the widest zigzag stitch.

For decorative sewing where 2 different widths of zigzag stitching are required, the zigzag stitch width stop, (D) Fig. 17, should be used to enable the operator to obtain the desired width of stitching by manually positioning the regulator lever against the stop and the extreme left side of scale in a rhythmic manner. Use the extreme left side for positioning the lever at the widest stitch desired and the stop for positioning the lever for the narrowest stitch desired. To hold stop in position tighten screw lock, (C) Fig. 17.

Before adjusting the width of the zigzag stitch, be sure to turn the top of the balance wheel toward you to raise the needle; otherwise you may bend or break the needle. You can change the width of the zigzag stitch when the machine is in operation, but when the machine is idle, you must raise the needle.

ZIGZAG CONTROL LEVERS

When you are operating the machine with the power on, you may change any of the levers without fear of breaking the needle.

When machine is not being operated by electricity, be sure that the needle is at its highest position before moving the zigzag stitch width regulator lever.

ZIGZAG STITCHES

Before attempting to make zigzag stitches on a finished product, practice each operation separately until you get the effect you want.

PRACTICE ZIGZAG STITCH ILLUSTRATED AS No. 1—Fig. 18. This wide zigzag stitch is used on blanket binding, stitching narrow ribbons, decorative borders and rick-rack braid. Adjust the machine as follows:

1. Loosen stitch width lock (C) Fig. 17 and move regulator lever (B) to No. 5 (the widest zigzag stitch). Lock in position by tightening lock (C).

2. Adjust stitch length regulator (F) for the longest stitch—No. 8.

3. Your machine will now produce the widest zigzag stitch possible, illustrated as (1) in Fig. 18.

PRACTICE ZIGZAG STITCH ILLUSTRATED AS No. 2—Fig. 18. This stitch is used for overcasting seams, appliqueing, applying bias binding, etc. Adjust the machine as follows:

1. Move zigzag stitch width regulator lever, (B) Fig. 17, to No. 4 and lock in position.

2. Turn stitch length regulator knob (F) to No. 5.

3. Your machine will now produce the stitch illustrated as (2) in Fig. 18.